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Crop Growth Gaining Momentum

Agricultural Summary

Sunny conditions have helped crop growth gain momentum this past week. All crops with the exception of cherries have progressed ahead of last year and the five year average. For the week ending June 29 major agricultural activities included spraying insects, weed control, cutting hay, harvesting cherries, cultivating, and irrigating.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Shipping of livestock to summer range continued. Range and pasture condition decreased from last week but remains mostly good.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

County Extension Educators reported a decrease in topsoil moisture with 13% being very short, 36% short, 49% adequate, and 2% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.70 days suitable for fieldwork this past week.

Field Crop Report

Over three fourths of the states first cutting of alfalfa hay has been harvested, while the second cutting of alfalfa hay is gaining momentum in Southwest and Southcentral Idaho. Small grains and potatoes are doing well throughout the state as reports indicate crop conditions to be mostly good. Slight frost damage was reported to potato leaves in Teton County. Winter wheat in bloom may have experienced some damage as well. Grasshopper and Crickets continue to cause problems in areas of Elmore, Camas and Oneida Counties.

Grain Progress Table

	Jointed	Booted
Winter Wheat	100	100
Spring Wheat	94	79
Barley	95	77

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2003	2002	Avg.
Dry Beans Emerged	97	98	92
Potatoes 12" High	66	46	50
Potatoes Closing Middles	32	15	17
Cherries Harvested	18	56	21
Winter Wheat Turning Color	16	3	12

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	3	13	63	21
Spring Wheat	0	3	20	57	20
Barley	1	6	17	60	16
Potatoes	0	1	4	75	20
Irr. Water Supply	4	12	47	35	2
Range & Pasture	1	2	39	44	14

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			Southcentral			East			State		
	2003	2002	Avg	2003	2002	Avg	2003	2002	Avg	2003	2002	Avg	2003	2002	Avg
Spring Wheat															
Headed	26	13	17	100	99	97	98	81	75	58	11	31	58	26	38
Barley															
Headed	33	15	16	100	96	95	86	81	81	39	17	27	51	35	40
Winter Wheat															
Headed	89	83	81	100	100	100	100	99	97	97	83	85	94	87	84
Potatoes															
Emerged	NA	NA	NA	100	100	100	100	100	100	98	100	97	99	100	98
Alfalfa Hay 1 st Cutting															
Harvested	86	36	41	100	99	97	97	93	94	75	68	67	87	80	79
Alfalfa Hay 2 nd Cutting															
Harvested	0	0	0	43	20	24	11	9	17	0	0	0	12	7	9

Avg (1998-2002); NA = Very Small Percentage of Acreage in District.

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